THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT : (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) No such direction has been issued by the University grants Commission to universities/ colleges to get National merit/rank certificate within a stipulated timc.Howcvcr, Ihc UGC has issued a circular to all universities staling thai it is mandatory and compulsory for all the universities to get themselves assessed and accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). NAAC grades universities and colleges during the process of assessment and accreditation of the institution. Assessment is a performance evaluation of an institution and/or its units and is accomplished through a process based on self-study and peer review using defined criteria such as auricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, organisation and management, health practices. Accreditation refers to the certificate given by NAAC which is valid for a period of five years and facilitates the accredited institutions to work continuously to improve the Quality of education.

Computer as means of Education

† 2034. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce computers as onc of the main means of teaching;

(c) whether Government have formulated any perspective scheme to add computer literacy with the present teaching system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The National Curriculum framework for school education prepared by National Council of Educational Research & Training has recommended the integration of Information and Communication technologies into schools, which has a strong pedagogical rationale. Accordingly, the Government has directed Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to acquire computers for their schools. Besides this, the Government also proposes to extend support to those Stale Governmcnts/'JTs. which have taken the initiative of introducing

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computer education in their schools. Under ihc revised scheme of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS). Stale Governments/UTs would formulate Computer Education Plans (CEP's)—proposing various items and activities which may include training of teachers, development of software and acquisition of hardware etc.

Women Commissions in States

† 2035. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women's commissions have been constituted in all the Slates in the country.

(b) if not, the names of states in which these commissions have not been constituted.

(c) whether Government arc going lo take any specific steps to constitute women's commissions in all the slates: and

(d) if so. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b) A statement showing Ihc status of setting up of Slate level women commissions, on the basis of information received from various Stales and Union Territory (UT) Administrations, is annexed, *(.see* below)

(c) and (d) Since the selling up of stale level women commissions comes within the purview of the State Governments and UT Administrations, the Stale Government and UT Administrations have been requested from tunc lo lime to set up such state level women commissions in their respective stales/UTs.

Statement

List of State (iovernnients Vis which have either set up State/W level women commissions or have enacted relevant legislation for the purpose of setting up such commission

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assa
3. Bihar
4. Chhattisgarh

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